



Small Business Regulatory Review

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We need your help. This is our first Newsletter, so we would like to hear your comments. Tell us what you like, what you don't like, and what you would like to see in our next quarterly Newsletter. Call us at 586-2596.

Message from the Chair

The Administration of Linda Lingle and the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism lend its support to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB). All members of the board are dedicated to represent the small business community to alleviate difficulties arising from regulations and laws. In the performance and pursuit of the board's mission, I, its chairman, and all members of the board invite you to alert us of such difficulties from the State and Counties' agencies that may afflict you. We shall then work with the relevant agencies to bring about amelioration whenever possible.

Katsumi Tanaka, Chair

Board Meetings

All Board meetings are open to the public. We encourage anyone with regulatory issues to attend the meetings and voice their concerns. Meetings begin at 11:00 a.m. and are held at the No. 1 Capitol District Building, 250 South Hotel Street, Honolulu, in Room 436. Below are the remaining board meetings for 2003:

May 13 th	September 9 th
June 10 th	October 14 th
July 15 th	November 12 th
August 12 th	December 9 th

Annual Report

The newest SBRRB Report, which encompasses the first four "pilot" years of the board, is complete. If you would like a copy of the report, please contact DBEDT staff at 586-2596 or go to:

www.hawaii.gov/dbedt/sbrrb/2002annual.pdf.

Legislative Notes

The Board has formed a Legislative Subcommittee to go over specific bills and legislative items of interest. This subcommittee voted the initial draft and the concept for the "Small Business Bill of Rights". Its general concept will give small business basic rights of due process. The Board is happy to announce that resolutions endorsing the Bill of Rights were introduced by Senators Rosalyn Baker, Carol Fukunaga, David Ige, Les Ihara, and Suzanne Chun Oakland under Senate Resolution 51, Senate Concurrent Resolution 76. The House Speaker Rep. Calvin Say introduced House Resolution 60, and House Concurrent Resolution 57. The board is soliciting business support and encouraging small business organizations to testify. Additionally, the Board supports a number of bills of interest to small business. Most notable is SB 1284 HD 1 SD 1 "Relating to the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act" which would ensure that the SBRRB has the opportunity to review new administrative rules very early in the drafting cycle so changes can still be made.

Administrative Rule Review from January to March 2003

The Board reviewed the following administrative rules:

- 1) Department of Health – Water Quality Standards, Chapter 11-54 – Board recommendations to DOH include: Follow only the federal language; some of the proposed changes deviated from "federal" standards; Include a definition of cost projections and explain the difference in reporting between various water sampling methods.
- 2) Kauai Department of Water – The administrative rules included fee increases, and changed the effective date of the increases from July 1, 2003 to July 1, 2004, which the Board supported.

Issues of Importance

- a. The Board worked very diligently with the Department of Transportation to postpone the taxi management concession bidding process until a thorough review of the bidding and procurement processes are reviewed. Partly due to the Board's hard work and influence, the Task Force for the Airport Concession finalized plans to implement an independent system that will work for all taxis as well as provide better service to incoming tourists.
- b. The Board is currently investigating and gathering information on statewide procurement processes.
- c. The Board is in the process of hearing and reviewing Maui County's requirement for a letter of good standing prior to issuance of an ocean recreational beach permit for kite boarding activity.